

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 9, 2019  
9:00 a.m. Montgomery County Courthouse  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The April 9, 2019 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Montgomery County Jail Training Room. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Greg Morrison, Mark Davidson and Mark Smith. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider, Commissioners John Frey and Phil Bane and Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Mark Smith.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS
  - A. Additional Appropriations:
    1. \$22,910.88 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Seminars/Training (1170.33500.0005)
      - a. Sheriff Needham explained that this was due to monies being returned to the County by other taxing units for air cards. A motion to approve the reimbursement was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 6-0.
  - B. Transfers:
    1. \$1,000.00 from COGEN – Superior 1 – Law Clerk (1000.30057.0201) to Equipment Repairs (1000.30500.0201).
      - a. Judge Barajas explained that this was for the recertification of software. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 6-0.
    2. \$2,000.00 from COGEN – Jail – Extradition (1000.30119.0380) to Travel Expenses/Supplies (1000.24202.0380)
    3. \$19,000.00 from COGEN – Jail – Repairs, Build & Structure (1000.30600.0380) to Repair & Building Supplies (1000.24202.0380)
    4. \$2,642.17 from PS LIT – Drug Investigation (1170.30077.0005) to Drug Investigation Supplies (1170.24202.0005)
    5. \$2,000.00 from PS LIT – Seminars/Training (1170.33500.0005) to Travel Expenses (1170.24202.0005)
    6. \$600.00 from PS LIT – Police Equipment (1170.44500.0005) to Subscription & Dues (1170.32100.0005)
    7. \$500.00 from PS LIT – Legal Services (1170.30079.0005) to Subscriptions & Dues (1170.32100.0005)
    8. \$2,436.00 from Sex Offender – Equipment (1192.44500.0005) to Supplies (1192.24202.0005)
    9. \$3,000.00 from K-9 Gift Fund – K-9 Maintenance (4975.30161.0005) to Supplies (4975.24202.0005)
    10. \$2,436.00 from Work Release – Cleaning & Sanitation (4950.20001.0005) to Supplies (4950.24202.0005)
    11. \$1,000.00 from Sheriff Donation – Vehicle Repair/Maintenance (4996.30100.0005) to Misc. Supplies (4996.24202.0005)
    12. \$2,000.00 from COGEN – Security Center – Metal Detector (1000.40002.0379) to Contractual Services (1000.30050.0379) –
      - a. Sheriff Needham and Auditor Andel explained that the transfers in lines 2-12 were bookkeeping requests in order to reflect the correct expenditures in the correct line type. A motion to approve transfer items 2-12 was made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.
    13. \$960.00 from COGEN – Prosecutor – Equipment Repair (1000.30500.0009) to Office Equipment (1000.44553.0009)
    14. \$3,120.00 from MVH – Contractual Fees (1176.30194.0529) to Cleaning Services (1176.30028.0529)
      - a. Items 13 & 14 were also bookkeeping cleanup requests from the Auditor. A motion to approve those items was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.
  - C. Reductions: None.

- V. New Business:
- A. WHIN & Broadband Grant Discussion: Cheryl Morphey explained that Montgomery County has an opportunity to be part of a 10-county (Benton, Cass, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Warren and White) initiative to expand Broadband service coverage in rural areas. The initial cost to the County to participate in the grant is \$2,564.11, and later contribute an in-kind matching gift worth \$5,128.22. The winners of the grant award are to be announced on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and if Montgomery County was in the awarded group, they would be invoiced for the \$2,564.11. After further discussion, questions and answers, a motion was made by Councilman Davidson to provide for the grant match out of the Council's Special Legal line, in the amount of \$2,564.11. This was seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-0.
  - B. 2018 RDC Annual Report. Ron Dickerson, President of the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission presented the 2018 Redevelopment Commission Annual Report to the Council, as statutorily required. The report was uploaded for public viewing to the Indiana Gateway.
- VI. Old Business: None.
- VII. ELECTED OFFICIALS, STAFF & FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:
- A. Commissioner Jim Fulwider reported that the Commissioners had declared April 14 – 20 Telecommunications Week and thanked the Central Communications Center for their dedicated hard work. He also announced that the county will be obtaining estimates for a new Worker's Compensation insurance carrier. Commissioner Fulwider also reported that they were ironing out the final details of granting an easement to CELP, and that three parcels that did not sell in the Commissioner Certificate Sale were to be transferred to the City of Crawfordsville's ownership to be used by CELP as well. Finally, he announced that the Commissioners had accepted the retirement of CCC Director Beth Sessions, who had served the community in dispatch for 31 years. Her retirement is effective on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Commissioner Phil Bane thanked all those present for their support over the years, as he had announced his retirement the prior day.
  - C. Sheriff Needham brought forward a request to purchase a speed trailer before the Council. The purchase is to be made using Commissary funds, and costs approximately \$8,400.00. Council President Hockersmith moved to suspend the rules to allow the Council to vote on this, seconded by Councilman Mills. The motion to suspend the rules passed 6-0. A motion was then made by Councilman Booth to grant the Sheriff permission for the speed trailer purchase, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 6-0.
  - D. Sanitarian Amber Reed reminded everyone that Tire Amnesty Day was to be Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Health Department beginning at 9:00 a.m.
  - E. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Rick Hernandez reported that there had been a lot of exciting events happening with the Chamber – ribbon cuttings, revamped mission statements, workforce discussion, community foundation grants, and quality of life events.
- VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:
- A. Councilman Smith asked if it was necessary for the Council to approve all transfers. Council President asked Attorney Reimondo to look into this.
  - B. Council President Hockersmith reported that the Budget Committee is already looking at the 2020 budget.
- IX. CLAIMS:
- A. A claim for \$5,114.76 from Peters Municipal Consultants was submitted for approval. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.
- X. INSERT: Next regular Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Montgomery County Courthouse.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- A. Bill Milam reminded those present that the citizens were counting on them to make decisions regarding wind farms that will not lead to the decline in assessed value.
- XII. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Council President Hockersmith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.

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Don Mills, Vice President

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Greg Morrison, Councilman

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Gary Booth, Councilman

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Tom Mellish, Councilman

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Mark Davidson, Councilman

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Mark Smith, Councilman

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Jennifer Andel, Auditor